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AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the claims:

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1. (Amended) For use in forming a floor assembly comprising a plurality of flooring strips, a flooring strip comprising:
  - a first layer including a first plurality of elongate members that are secured together, each of the first plurality of elongate members having a grain extending generally in a longitudinal direction of the flooring strip; and
  - a second layer secured to one face of the first layer, the second layer including a second plurality of spaced members each having a grain extending generally transversely to the longitudinal direction of the flooring strip.
2. (Amended) The flooring strip according to claim 1, wherein each of the elongate members of the first plurality is composed of at least one of bamboo and wood.

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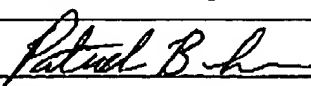
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